

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT SEAT FOR INDIA IN THE UNSC
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any fresh initiatives are being taken during the current year to secure a permanent seat for India in the United Nations Security Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the difficulties being faced; and
- (c) the steps being taken to overcome them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) Government continues to actively mobilise support for India becoming a permanent member of an expanded United Nation Security Council. For this purpose India remains fully engaged, individually as well as in collaboration with the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan), with various other member states on United Nations Security Council reform. Negotiations on Security Council reform are expected to commence on February 19, 2009 in an informal plenary of the United Nations General Assembly. Along with like minded countries, India will press, inter-alia, for an expansion of the Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent membership.